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Dear Paul,

From your letter of the 11th, postmarked 12th and here today, I take it you have a copy of Waldron's Times piece. If not, I'll send it if you'd like. We spoke for hours, by phone, with him in Tallahassee and I think Orlando. "Despite the dateline, he has never been here but says he is coming for several days. Oddly, I reminded him of this and something he had promised to do for me in a letter I mailed this a.m.

He was faithful in singling you and Howard out from those of whom I spoke to him. As you know, I was never that brief about anything. Well, almost never!

Released material: fine and thanks.

Ruby stuff: remember, Wade was quite friendly and the FBI gave him almost nothing. If you see anything you think he might want to have, please send me a copy and I'll write him about it. He tells me and I expect to be writing that he always believed there was a conspiracy. Not the one we see, but a conspiracy. Could any hunter have any doubt? I am satisfied that if I gave him a case he'd take it to court. (It is tragic that when I made arrangements for Mary to be able to go over his files for me with care she didn't do it. However, she had very serious problems. I rushed through the two cabinets of it. They fortify my belief that Ruby was really a nothing and did not have the kind of money the role in which he is too easily cast would have out in his pockets.)

The index should be valuable, perhaps important.

Stern's stuff: I wrote Jim about this and we were together for a while last week, but he did not respond and we did not remember to talk about it. That stuff is available to anyone now. I'd rather not ask Stern for it, but I imagine he would let me copy it. I've suggested along this line to "in, who also stays very busy. We'll get to talking about it.

I think Jim sent you copies of Stern's court papers. They drew heavily upon the spectro decision, then not reversed.

The spectro decision is amazing. In part this was possible because Bud did very poorly on verbal argument and in larger part because he kept breaking promises to do what was obviously right at the time he promised and more so when for the last time he failed. He made the capture of the court possible. What "in and I did in the unsuccessful petition for a rehearing of the rehearing should have been done from the first, not when it was too late.

I was unable to get the Tatler here. It was sold out or a new edition was then out.

EA and mysterious deaths: the cite the Lloyds stuff on Penn's stuff.

I don't know that I have any special interest in those 200 pp from CD 7. I did in those early days. remember, I typed a special index of the names on the withheld pages and sent it to you in 1966. However, there was radical right plotting in Dallas and JLI knew. That there was plotting does not mean the plotters did the foul deed. I may have these pages. In fact, I'm sure I do and haven't read yet. Some linked to Walker et al.

I'd rather still do nothing about what is involved in the new complaint. Jim has filed interrogatories on which we agreed. I was willing to run a risk for the possible secondary benefits. You know I was awaiting the right moment. However, the "liberals" thought they

had a deal and nobody would touch. I am still in a position to advance that much, without what I seek. The fact is that working through two others, which would have been impossible with any publicity, I have learned more. I'll get around to putting it down someday soon.

Kutner: I really don't think this is worth filing on because I do not believe there can be much more than Ruby blowing hard. It is possible that there is defamatory material in that file and it is probable that it was properly exempt. Push if you want outside court.

I knew Rudy Halley well enough not to like him. Greasy guy. He was counsel for other committees then. Bud was on that one.

Howard is at 3954 Pine St., Phila 19104.

Had a note and an Amas card from retired Orest Pena, who plans a book in Spanish.

I'm taking for granted that "in is keeping you informed on legal matters. Have as good a year as possible! If you see anything re Skolnick in the underground press, please fill me in. At Georgetown it was stormtroopers, even thefts, besides threats. But it would have been a disaster anyway. Best, and thanks,